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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1,2,6 and 8-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3,5 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 has been received and reviewed. However, the information disclosure is not deemed to be pertinent over the prior art of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3, line 1, the terminology "... claim 2(a) is being considered vague and indefinite. Claim 3 should depend on claim 2. The applicants can make a new claim for claim 3 to depend upon.

In claim 5, line 1, the terminology "... claim 2(b) is being considered vague and indefinite. Claim 5 should depend on claim 2. The applicants can make a new claim for claim 5 to depend upon.

Claim 7 recites the limitation "... annealing temperature..." in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Please delete the word " the" and insert the word --an -- for proper antecedence.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1,2,6 and 8-16 are allowed.

3. As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

4. Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The most relevant prior art of reference is that of U.S. Patent No. 6,802,901 B2 (Kerdoncuff, et al). However, it does not teach nor fairly suggest singularly or in any combination thereof a method of making below 250 nm UV light transmitting optical fluoride lithography crystals, comprising: placing one or a plurality of selected fluoride crystals in a chamber in an annealing furnace having at least one heating element; applying heat along a shortest path of conduction of a selected optical fluoride crystal having a birefringence value greater than 3nm/cm; heating the optical fluoride crystal to an annealing temperature; and gradually cooling the optical fluoride crystal to provide a low-birefringence optical fluoride crystal for transmitting below 250 nm UV light, said crystal having a birefringence value less than 3 nm/cm.

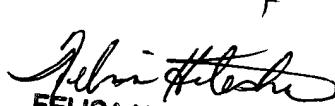
6. Claims 3, 5 and 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Felisa Hiteshew whose telephone number is (571) 272-1463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Thursdays from 4:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

examiner's supervisor, Benjamin Utech, can be reached on (571) 272-1137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-1463.

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